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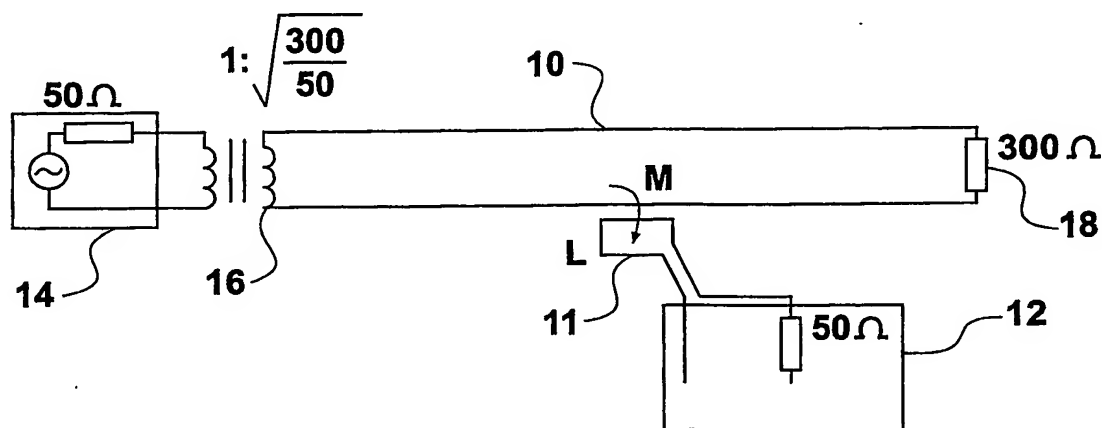
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(57) Abstract: A communication apparatus is described. The communication apparatus comprises a communication path (10) capable of conveying communication signals, a communication device (12) adapted to receive or generate VHF or UHF communication signals, and a near field antenna (11) associated with the communication device (12). The near field antenna (11) is provided sufficiently near to the communication path (10) to couple VHF or UHF communication signals to or from the communication device (12) to the communication path. A HID/IPT system and a communication method are also provided.